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SUBJECT: GREEK REINTEGRATION INTO NATO - U.S. APPROACHES

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1. I SAW PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS THIS MORNING AND CONVEYED  
THE POINTS IN REFTEL (B) PARA 4.

PRIOR TO RECEIVING REFTEL I HAD ASKED FOR A MEETING IN ORDER  
TO HAVE A GENERAL DISCUSSION BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON  
NEXT WEEK. I WILL REPORT THE SUBSTANCE IN SEPTEL.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE  
SECRETARY'S PERSONAL MESSAGE BUT THEN PROCEEDED TO CRITICIZE  
TURKEY FOR PLACING OBSTACLES IN THE PATH OF GREEK REINTEGRATION  
INTO NATO AND FURTHER FOR CREATING DIFFICULTIES WHICH ARE  
COMPLICATING THE PROCESS BY WHICH GREECE ENTERS THE EC.

3. KARAMANLIS GIVES A HIGH PRIORITY TO GREECE'S REINTEGRATION  
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INTO NATO. HE IS CONCERNED THAT THE REMAINING PROBLEM AREAS  
BE WORKED OUT SATISFACTORILY AND THAT TURKEY ACT RESPONSIBLY  
NOT TO BLOCK GREECE'S RE-ENTRY. IT WOULD BE AN OVERSTATEMENT  
TO SAY THAT THE GOG "HAS NOW DELINKED NATO REINTEGRATION FROM  
SOLVING OF CYPRUS PROBLEM", AND I DO NOT ADVISE AMBASSADOR  
SPIERS TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH ECEVIT. BUT, KARAMANLIS  
DOES VIEW THE TWO AS DIFFERENT ISSUES. NATO RELATES TO GREECE'S

NATIONAL SECURITY. CYPRUS IS AN EMOTIONAL ISSUE TO GREEKS AND A WEATHERVANE OF GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS. KARMANLIS CONTENTS THAT GREATER ACCOMMODATION BY TURKEY COULD SOLVE CYPRUS AND WOULD CONSEQUENTLY RUB OFF FAVORABLY IN NEGOTIATIONS OF GREEK-TURKISH BILATERAL DISPUTES.

4. LIKE ECEVIT, KARAMANLIS IS NOT NOW IN A POSITION TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS REFUTING AS PRECEDENTS WHATEVER NATO COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE EVENTUALLY WORKED OUT. AS TO THE MEETING OF MFA SECRETARIES GENERAL IN ANKARA ON JULY 4-5, THE RESULTS DEPEND, OF COURSE, ON BOTH SIDES BEING AS FORTH-COMING AS POSSIBLE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO FIXED AGENDA OR TOPICS OTHER THAN KARAMANLIS' NON-AGGRESSION PROPOSAL WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO DISCUSS. THEREFORE, KARAMANLIS IS UNLIKELY TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THESE TALKS ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY ANKARA.

5. GREEKS FEEL THAT THE FIR PROBLEM IN THE AEGEAN HAS BEEN LARGELY AGREED AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL, BUT THAT A FINAL RESOLUTION DEPENDS UPON THE POLITICAL WILLINGNESS OF THE TURKISH SIDE TO CARRY THROUGH ON WHAT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED. ANY INTERIM FORMULA DEALING WITH THE AIR SPACE SHOULD, OF COURSE, NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO NOTAM 714 -- WHICH IS A RED FLAG HERE -- EVEN THOUGH SOME OF THOSE SAME PRINCIPLES COULD PROBABLY BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARRANGEMENT.

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